

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Sheila Shine gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Barron was absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:
President Hardaway acknowledged that the month of September is “Child Cancer Awareness” month.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated August 23, 2016. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2016. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit referenced a prior Budget & Finance meeting in which details were discussed for the preparation of the 2017 Budget. Mr. Pettit scheduled an additional Budget & Finance meeting Tuesday, September 6th at 5:30 p.m. He encouraged all Council Members to attend provided an overview of topics to be discussed. Mr. Pettit provided the timeline for the adoption of the 2017 Budget.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Spann had no report. Mr. Spires referenced the disbursed listings regarding Waste Management. He said if you receive calls from constituents complaining their garbage service was discontinued, to advise them they need to pay their bill. Mr. Pettit requested an update regarding the local neighborhood street paving project. Mr. Spires provided the latest report on the matter. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron was absent no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca said all summer programs & classes have ended. She mentioned the upcoming trips in September to Four Winds Casino as well as Martha’s Vineyard trip. Ms. LaMarca said that the Fall/Winter brochure is at the printers. Mrs. Uzelac requested a “No Dumping” sign to be placed at Kaiser Ditch since having it cleaned out. She believes this would deter people from throwing garbage in ditches, empty lots and other properties. Mr. Spires will follow up on this matter. President Hardaway said it would be a good idea to increase signage throughout the community in an effort to prevent illegal dumping. Mr. Pettit asked police to be watchful of residents tossing trash in unauthorized locations. President Hardaway encouraged businesses to make sure their trash bins are locked to prevent unauthorized use of them. Discussion among the Town Council followed.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Barron was absent no report.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit reminded the Town Council of the groundbreaking at Polycon Industries for the building expansion. The event will be Wednesday, August 24th at 11 a.m.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mrs. Barron was absent no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway said the Abandoned Blighted Properties meeting is August 25th and he will have more to report at the next Town Council meeting.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 16-24: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the Motor Vehicle Highway fund for the year 2016 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 16-25: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana appropriating additional monies within the General fund for the year 2016 not included in the current budget. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 16-23: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2016 budget within the Police Department General fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Res. 16-24: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2016 budget within the Local Road and street fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Res. 16-25: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, making deductions in the 2016 General fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Res. 16-26: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of certain funds. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Res. 16-27: A Resolution of the Merrillville Town Council opposing the Enactment of Harmful Federal Trade Agreements. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Abandoned Blighted Properties meeting, August 25, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
Police Commission meeting, September 2, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.
Town Hall Offices Closed (except Emergency Services) September 5, 2016 in observance of Labor Day.
Stormwater Management Board meeting, September 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.
Plan Commission workshop meeting, September 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Council meeting, September 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pettit.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer